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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*'If you don't know where you are going, you are certain to end up somewhere else.'*



Dr. Markell's observations make a persuasive argument for the need of our new strategic plan, Vision 2013, described in this edition. Our new vision, which is a product of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the community, is a bold one and envisions our university becoming one of the premier public regional universities in the "great" Great Plains. We will get there by focusing on the welfare of our place and region, engaging students in the highest quality learning, and

As I write this column, I am looking from my office windows onto a beautiful scene of falling snow around Dakota Hall and across the inner mall to Old Main. Despite the accumulations of snow on our walks as the day progresses, the students and faculty are going and coming to their classes and other places on campus, all with various important purposes and plans to get somewhere, to study or discuss an assignment—perhaps a book, a theory, or a mathematical formula—much in the same way as those before them have done for many years on our campus. For most of the students, I suspect, there are not many thoughts right now about where they will be in a few years. I doubt if those treading through the snow to class are thinking about much else other than the assigned poem, the biology experiment, or the history examination that will greet them in class, unless of course there are fleeting thoughts about what will happen after class.

In this edition of *Connections* you will read about a few of our distinguished graduates and retired faculty. You will also read about one of our current

esteemed professors, who will soon be retiring. For 35 years Professor Clark Markell has taught hundreds of students and contributed to their enthusiasm for learning, their growth, and their preparation for success in the future. He has also witnessed many changes in education over his 35-year tenure, from the way we communicate with our colleagues to the way we now communicate through a

"string of e-mails," as he calls it. He has witnessed changes in the way we teach and learn, and observes that science majors are "doing more science and spending less time learning about what other scientists found out." He has also experienced, as many of us have in the past 30 years, the dramatic changes from the '70s to today in the extent to which students are "distracted by off-campus jobs."

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remaining focused on student success.

The university recently completed a search for a new vice president for advancement and executive director of the MSU Development Foundation. I'm pleased to announce that Mr. Marv Semrau has been hired in that position and ask you to join me in welcoming him to MSU. Marv replaces Mr. Brad Botz, who contributed in many significant ways to the university and to whom we wish well. I have the utmost confidence in Marv to strengthen our endowment and our fundraising, improve our alumni relations and publications, and oversee a major capital campaign that advances the goals and strategies of Vision 2013.

You will also read about many changes on campus and the addition of outstanding staff members. New and, in some cases, revised positions that have been hired include a registrar, an international programs director, a library director, a fitness center director, a football coach, a student activities coordinator, and a student development counselor.

All hiring and refinement of positions have been made with the goal of Vision 2013 and the accompanying strategies in mind. We have been especially mindful of providing the proper support in student services, recruiting, admissions and advancement.

The cover of this edition, ingeniously designed by Richard Jenkins, symbolizes and reflects the inevitable changes in our work at Minot State University. Technologies we all came to depend on in the past have now been replaced at astounding rates with technologies we would never have dreamt of just a few years ago. Our world is getting smaller and smaller and presenting to all the challenge to help students live in a global environment. Time is no longer marked by a slow falling of sand in an hour glass but by digital flashes and numbers reminding us of the hurried pace of our lives.

Placed directly in the center of the cover page, Minot State University's Vision 2013 describes the goal, vision, and strategies for directing changes and growth at our university. Without a vision and a plan for the future in this competitive and rapidly changing environment, universities will not be prepared to respond to opportunities and challenges. Yogi Berra offers another perspective on planning when he said, "If you don't know where you are going, you are certain to end up somewhere else."

I think it's especially important as the world becomes increasingly frenetic to remind ourselves of our university's core purpose: to help people appreciate life and learning and contribute meaningfully to the lives of others. Our new strategic direction is of utmost importance for our students, the future of the university, and the viability of where we live. We will only become one of the premier universities in the "great" Great Plains by focusing on student success, one student at a time, and with your continued help and support.

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As tools of navigation have guided those on a journey, the new strategic plan called Vision 2013 will provide direction for Minot State University to its Centennial celebration and beyond. Under the leadership of third-year president Dr. David Fuller, the future has never looked brighter. (Photo by Paris Brenno from Elite Studio Inc.) (Historical artifacts provided by Dr. Ron Royer of MSU and Sharon Johnson of Interiors Plus.)



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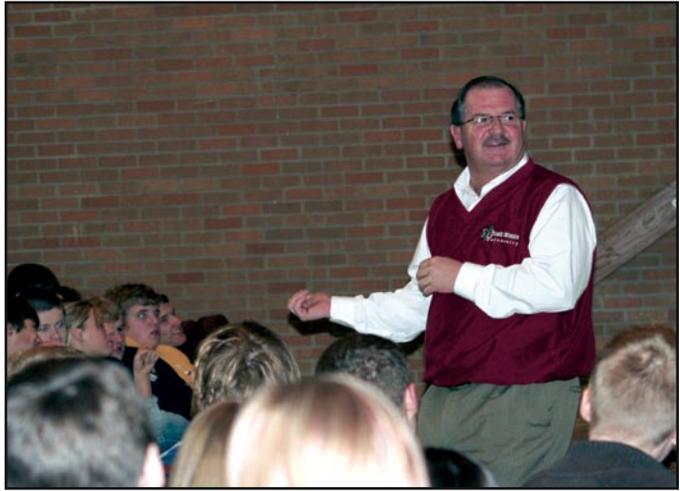
MSU faculty and staff visited Ray High School in January 2007. They visited with seniors, front, left to right, Morgan Jungemann, Lexi Liesener, Megan Perdue and Julia Larsen; back row, MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg; Major Gifts Officer James Vossler; Dean of the College of Business JoAnn Linrud; and President David Fuller.



Ray High School: James Vossler, JoAnn Linrud, Ray Superintendent Dan Anderson, instructor Angie Johnson, and Dr. David Fuller.



MSU personnel visited students and staff at Williston High School in February. Pictured, left to right, MSU President Dr. David Fuller; Dean of the College of Business JoAnn Linrud; Williston Superintendent Warren Larson, and 1973 MSU grad Dennis Healy.



Major Gifts Officer Jim Vossler engaged with Magic City Campus students at the MCC Day: "A Chat with MSU Administration," held Feb. 20. Over 900 students were informed about a university education and MSU.

## Alumni/Beaver Booster Basketball Night 2007 was held Jan. 12.

Over 600 attended the 2007 Alumni and Beaver Boosters Appreciation Night event held at the Dome. Those attending were provided free admission to the games, free food, and a chance to win a variety of prizes.



# Strategic Plan Aims at National Recognition



Minot State University is raising its sights significantly, as it journeys toward its 2013 Centennial.

The school will strive to achieve national distinction as one of the premier public universities in the Great Plains region.

That lofty goal is outlined in Vision 2013, a convention-bending strategic plan, created by campus and community stakeholders over a two-year period.

“Institutions our size have to think about new directions,” MSU President David Fuller said. “There’s so much changing in our world right now. We can’t continue to do business as usual.”

Many observers perceive Minot State more as a community college than as a full-fledged university, Fuller said. To counter that mind-set, the university will assume a more muscular presence in the Great Plains, that oft-neglected corridor from Canada to Texas.

“There’s this temptation to think about the Great Plains as a place to leave,” Fuller said. “I’ve heard that from students and from faculty. ‘It’s better to live in Chicago or Washington, D.C.’ It isn’t.

There’s something strong and valuable about living on the Great Plains. Our responsibility as a university is to show that this is a great place to come to, to stay and to contribute to.”

The strategic plan finds inspiration in a 2001 American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) report titled “Stepping Forward as Stewards of Place.” It stresses that public higher education can contribute to the common good through public engagement.

A strong focus on community and regional issues, the report said, keeps curriculum current, links theory and practice, brings

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critical thinking alive, injects ethical issues into the classroom and prepares students for a lifetime of participatory citizenship.

“The more closely connected you are to your place, the more you want to contribute to its welfare,” Fuller said. “In so doing, people build better characters and develop better ethical and moral standards.”

Universities are narrowly conceived as springboards to high-paying careers. The strategic plan, however, features a quotation from Brazilian theorist Paulo Freire that education’s role is to promote societal change rather than mindless conformity.

“Higher education has a responsibility not to create followers but to create leaders,” Fuller said.

The president cites U.S. Sens. Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad and Rep. Earl Pomeroy as politicians who have transcended partisan groupthink to become national agenda-setters.

To raise its profile, Minot State has to assess itself honestly, identify its inherent strengths and shift its center of gravity accordingly.

“As a campus, we have to figure out what are those three or four programs that we want to put incredible emphasis on to make us distinctively known,” the president said.

Fuller ticked off criminal justice, art, biology and special education as programs with realistic potential. But he noted that there are many more with the same potential.

The Rural Crime and Justice Center, for example, conducts a statewide educational program on the dangers of methamphetamine. It unites theory with practice while contributing to civic betterment.

An Artspace project would create a community of faculty, student and visiting artists that would produce an engaging synergy on campus and in the community.

Higher education too often embraces randomness, reacting to chronic problems with short-term solutions, the president said.

With a strategic plan in place, MSU departments can coalesce around it, creating a larger sense of mission.

“It creates a psychology on campus,” Fuller said. “People can see how they can contribute to an exciting direction.”

Designated groups will next create action plans to achieve each of the plan’s seven strategies. They will

identify outcomes, create timelines, establish responsibilities, anticipate costs and define assessment procedures.

The university will revise the strategic plan at two-year intervals, coinciding with sessions of the state Legislature. State funding will be solicited to fund initiatives in the plan.

With a road map in place and everyone on board, the adventure can begin.

“I’ve got to drive it. I’ve got to make this work,” Fuller said.

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## Vision 2013’s seven steps to success...

### 1. **Creating a Distinctive Mission Focused on Engagement and Place**

Create and promote a distinctive mission, vision, and premier institutional character based on curricula and services known for high quality, engagement, relationship to place, and the integration of knowledge, theory and practice.

### 2. **Fostering Engaged Learning and Place for the Benefit of Students**

Raise academic standards and expectations exceptionally high for quality teaching and engaged learning; create and sustain a dynamic place and engaged campus atmosphere and design conducive to high-quality learning and student support.

### 3. **Valuing Faculty and Staff within an Engaged Community**

Recruit, retain, and support well-qualified faculty and staff as valued members of an inclusive community, dedicated and devoted to the institutional mission, to engaged learning, and to student support and success.

### 4. **Building a Diverse and Multicultural University Climate**

Develop and support a diverse, multicultural, and inclusive campus community.

### 5. **Focusing on Student Success and Future Achievements**

Provide students with a strong and engaging academic experience for intellectual and personal growth, formation of sound character, and development of abilities and skills required for success in future careers and endeavors.

### 6. **Creating a Commitment to Civic Engagement, Service, and the Common Good**

Enhance and strengthen the university’s mission and purview to include civic engagement, experiential learning, and activities focused on collaboration, partnerships, community relations and involvement; complementing the institution’s educational function through a concerted and deliberate effort to connect higher education and common good.

### 7. **Ensuring Future Institutional Viability, Vitality and Growth**

Ensure MSU’s future viability, the vitality of its campus proper, and its success and competitiveness.

# International Students Find a Permanent Home

International students on the MSU campus now have a warm and friendly place to call their own.

The university opened a Multicultural Center in the Student Union last fall. The facility, which is adjacent to Buckshot's cafe, features a computer lab, conference area, lounge and kitchenette.

The center will contribute to a diverse and multicultural climate, a key piece in the university's new strategic plan. It will provide academic support for international students and students of color as well as a staging area for multicultural speakers and events.



*English major Kristin Boeshans samples Chinese cuisine at MSU's new Multicultural Center in the Student Union.*

To date, the facility has hosted a Chinese cooking event, discussion series on diverse religions, celebration of the Spanish "Dia de Los Muertos" (Day of the Dead), cultural week and reception during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

Wylie Hammond, director of Multicultural Services and the Native American Cultural Center, will oversee the center.

"The center presents the opportunity for all students to open their minds, share their differences and learn from each other," he said. "We're becoming more of a global society, and we all need to become more

understanding and sensitive to people and cultures that are different from our own."

Minor State currently has 242 Canadian and 20 international students from 17 different countries.

Hammond believes international students will gravitate to the new site from former meeting places on campus, such as Hartnett and Crane Halls.

Ronnie Walker, MSU's international student coordinator, handles recruitment, admissions and immigration matters with international students. She serves as their adviser during their time on campus.

She has seen the international population at MSU change during her 10 years on the job. The Canadian enrollment has dropped by half, while international enrollment has risen steadily. Reasons for the increase include low tuition, a generous scholarship program and student satisfaction.

"A lot of our students have had relatives or friends who have come to school here, so it's good word-of-mouth," Walker said.

And in a terror-plagued world, security has become a factor.

"They like that it's safe here," Walker said. "After 9/11, many parents were nervous to send their kids to the States."

The Department of Homeland Security maintains a list of terrorist-supporting countries. The United States doesn't issue visas to students from those nations.

While international students are at MSU, Walker supplies information to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), a clearinghouse for several federal agencies.



*Mike Li, a visiting professor from SIAS International University in Zhengzhou, China, prepares Chinese dumplings at the cooking demonstration in November.*

"Every semester, I am required to report every student as being here," she said.

When foreign students drop below full-time status, switch majors, or change addresses, Walker reports the changes within 10 days. If students drop out of school, they're considered out-of-status and liable for deportation.

"We went from being an advisory to a reporting agency," Walker said.

Libby Claerbout, the university's first director of international programs, rounds out MSU's international staff.

Claerbout will oversee study-abroad programs, faculty-led study tours and exchange agreements with universities abroad.

In November, she accompanied other MSU officials on a visit to SIAS International University in Zhengzhou, China, to

arrange student and faculty exchanges. The two schools had signed an articulation agreement early last year. The group also visited two other universities in China.



*Hammond*



*Walker*



*Claerbout*

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# Markell has Taken Change in Stride During His Long Career

Clark Markell has witnessed monumental changes during his 35-year-teaching career at Minot State.

A major change involves technology, which has been a boon in teaching a visual science like geology. Although he's always used audiovisual aids in his geoscience classes, he now has a more powerful tool at hand.

"I've been teaching plate tectonics using Google Earth," he said. "I had students looking at a small plate in the Southern Hemisphere called the Scotia Plate. Google Earth allows the student to look at maps of the ocean floor made from bathymetric data and 'see' where plate boundaries are located."

Students bring laptops to the science lab and access online databases, view web cams directed at beaches in San Diego and download real-time data from buoys in far-off oceans.

"It keeps it fresh for me," Markell said of the new technology.

Technology has a more problematic side as well. Colleagues in the Science Division used to visit each other in their offices or share thoughts over cups of coffee in the cafeteria. Those personal moments have been replaced by strings of e-mails.

"On the one hand, it leads to efficiency and documented communication, but it results in less face-to-face interaction," said Markell, who earned his doctorate at The Ohio State University.

Another major change Markell has seen is the Science Initiative, which began with the new millennium. It included a refurbished building, new faculty, increased scholarship money and a new philosophy of teaching.

"Majors are involved in research in ways they weren't in the past," he said. "They're doing more science and spending less time learning about what other scientists found out."

The Cyril Moore Science Center emerged after a \$4.2 million redesign. The new facility features spacious office/lab suites, where faculty

members partner with undergraduates in cutting-edge research.

National Science Foundation grants have provided sophisticated equipment for students to use. These include an ICP spectrometer for the chemical analysis of water, minerals and rocks; a scanning electron microscope for the high magnification study of minerals and fossils, and an X-ray diffractometer to analyze crystalline materials.

In Markell's field of geology, graduates look to careers in industry, government and education. Prospects are most uncertain in the volatile petroleum industry.



"Majors tend to go up and down; it's got to do with the job market," he said. "We've been in a long drought. When oil prices drop, oil companies cut. Now, some of the older employees are beginning to retire. There's discussion of shortages."

For the past seven years, Markell has coordinated the radiologic technology program at Minot State. The five-year program boasts 82 majors.

"It's very popular; the job market is good," he said.

Rad tech majors take courses at MSU for three years and then get hands-on training at a licensed clinical school for two more years. After they pass a national board examination, they become registered radiographers.

In the past decade, 40 percent of the radiography education programs in the United States have closed, making MSU's program attractive. Its graduates are sought

by hospitals and clinics across the country.

"We have a very good reputation," Markell said. "Many directors in hospitals in this area received their degree here. The director at the Mayo Clinic is one of our graduates."

The veteran educator said students have changed the least over the decades. In the 1970s, they were distracted by the Vietnam War and the quest for relevancy in education. Today, they're distracted by off-campus jobs.

"I don't think human nature has changed that much," he said.

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## NCLB Science Education Institute to be offered this summer at MSU

Although Geoscience Professor Clark Markell will formally retire this spring, he will work with science teachers in a special institute this summer.

The No Child Left Behind Science (NCLB) Education Institute will consist of two- and six-week graduate courses to be offered through Minot State University.

The content-based courses will satisfy NCLB highly qualified teacher requirements and can be applied to graduate-degree programs in teaching.

Three two-week courses are available in biology, physics and geology. Two six-week courses will be offered in physics and geology.

The courses are Forces and Motion in the Physical World (two weeks); Plants and Simple Organisms in the Classroom (two weeks); Earth's Atmosphere, Waters and Land Surface (two weeks); Plate Tectonics for Teachers (six weeks); and Physics by Inquiry — Properties of Matter (six weeks).

The two-week courses are designed for elementary- and middle-school teachers. Six-week courses are designed for middle- and secondary-school teachers.

Enrollment is limited to 20 teachers in each course.

Grant funds are available for tuition and fee scholarships, books, room, meals, travel and stipends of \$100 per credit upon successful completion of each course and follow-up activities.

Teachers must pay \$35 to pre-apply for courses. The fee will be applied toward the MSU registration fee, if they are accepted into the institute. Screening of pre-applications began March 1.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education through its No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

For further information, teachers may contact Dr. Bob Crackel at (701) 858-3852 or [robert.crackel@minotstateu.edu](mailto:robert.crackel@minotstateu.edu).

The geoscience professor has seen the construction of many new buildings and the renovation of several others over his three decades.

"Physically, it's almost a new campus," he said.

Markell said faculty members today have to fight the urge to become microfocused on their own departments, disciplines and careers. Instead, they have to look out for the best interests of the university and its students as a whole.

Markell and his wife Joyce have three children. Their son lives in California, and their oldest daughter resides in Oregon. Their youngest daughter lives in Germany, where she is completing a degree from Tufts University.

Joyce Markell taught Spanish and Latin in the Minot Public Schools before her retirement last spring. She is currently studying German at Minot State.

Although Clark Markell officially retires this spring, he plans to teach in the NCLB Science Education Institute at MSU this summer (see accompanying story). Afterward, he and his wife will travel to visit their children.

## New Faces on Campus

### Balas Appointed as MSU Registrar



Balas

Tania Balas of Minot has been named as the new registrar in Minot State University's Office of the Registrar.

Balas will be responsible for the oversight and management of registration and student records. Responsibilities under her supervision will include scheduling courses and classroom space, records maintenance, student advising and assignment of advisers, evaluation of transfer credit, provision

of official and unofficial transcripts, and training for users of the PeopleSoft student database.

The registrar position is being re-established. It is the result of reorganization of the Records Office with the responsibilities being divided between Enrollment Services, Registrar's Office, and other administrative offices and academic units.

Before coming to MSU, Balas served as the center director for operations for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Minot Air Force Base since 2003. In that position, she was responsible for budgeting, marketing, overseeing graduation, counseling and registering students, hiring faculty and maintaining student files. In addition, she was an adjunct instructor in English and speech for MSU and other institutions at MAFB.

Balas, a Granville native, graduated from Moorhead State University in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in English education. She received her master's degree in education from the University of North Dakota in 1999. She taught high school English for seven years in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Balas and her husband, Matt, a training and research associate at the MSU Rural Crime and Justice Center, have two children—Mattison and Luke.

### Claerbout Appointed as First International Programs Director at MSU



Claerbout

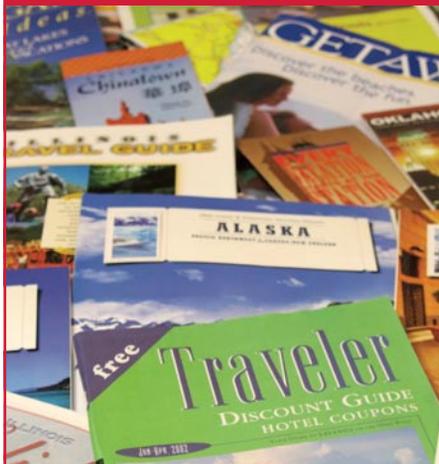
Libby Claerbout, a Minot native, has been named as the new director of international programs at Minot State University.

Claerbout will be responsible for the development of MSU's international programs, including international student study on the Minot State campus, study abroad, faculty-led study trips, faculty and scholar exchanges and distance education options.

Other responsibilities include the administration of these programs and the provision of support services for international students. Related duties may consist of maintaining relationships with identified markets, participating in marketing efforts, fostering campus involvement, ensuring compliance with U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of State regulations, assisting students with visa issues and providing orientation for incoming international students.

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## Alumni Association Travel Opportunities



### Travel the world with alumni and friends!

The tour offerings are available to all graduates, former students, friends of MSU, as well as anyone ready for the adventure of a lifetime. Travel opportunities are currently available through 2007.

### 2007

June .....	Disney World NYC Theatre
July.....	Treasures of Italy Best of Norway 14-day Australia
August .....	Williamsburg & Washington, D.C. Romantic Rhine
September .....	Heart of Europe Heart of British Isles Alaska Inside Passage Grecian Explorer
October .....	Classic New England
November .....	Las Vegas weekend
December .....	Italian Holiday

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 800-777-0750, ext. 3234 or 701-858-3234; email: [alumni@minotstateu.edu](mailto:alumni@minotstateu.edu)

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The director of international programs is a new position. It is being established in response to MSU's strategic plan to increase the university's diversity and international student population.

Since 2004, Claerbout served as a study abroad programs manager for AYUSA Global Youth Exchange, a division of INTRAX Cultural Exchange, in San Francisco, Calif. AYUSA is a leading non-profit organization promoting global learning and leadership through high school exchange programs. In that position, she was responsible for the management of high school study abroad programs with over 300 participants traveling annually to 11 international destinations.

Claerbout graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in French. She received her master's degree in international communication from the School of International Service at American University in Washington, D.C. Her international educational experiences have included time spent in Paris, Dijon and Tours, France.

### Collins Hired as MSU Library Director

Sheila B. Collins, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., has been named director of library services at Minot State University.

Collins is the former director of Northwest State Community College Library in Archbold, Ohio. Other library positions she has held include head of reference and collection development at Ohio Northern University Law Library and George Washington University Law Library, director of the law library at Eastman and Smith, Ltd., a law firm of 75 attorneys, head of reference at Lima Public Library, Lima, Ohio, and director of the libraries at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, and at Midwest Technical College, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Collins holds a bachelor's degree in education and preveterinary from the State University of New York-Brockport. She also earned a master's degree in library science and a juris doctorate from the University at Buffalo in New York.

She has taught a number of writing and communication courses, has presented numerous workshops and seminars at the state and national level, and has experience with a wide variety of library technology.

### Rudolph Named Head Football Coach



Rudolph

Paul Rudolph, a 1988 Minot State University graduate, has been named head football coach at his alma mater.

"We are extremely excited to have Paul taking over control of our football program," MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg said. "First and foremost, he's a good person. Secondly, he's a good coach with some wonderful experiences in the profession. He has previous head coaching experience and has had a great experience in the North Central Conference at St. Cloud State. Being an alumnus and growing up in northwest North Dakota is a definite plus also."

"I have kind of come full circle," Rudolph said at a press conference in the Conference Center. "I was interested in this job for the past 17 years. I am pretty excited and glad to be standing in front of you right now."

For the past seven years, Rudolph has served as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at St. Cloud (Minn.) State University under Randy Hedberg, a former MSU head coach. His offenses established 26 single-season, 21 single-game and nine individual offensive school records.

He was head football coach at Upper Iowa University from 1991-99. In addition, he was the athletic director from 1996-99, offensive coordinator from 1990-93, and the university's head track and field coach.

"Paul is a good fit for our football program, and we're excited to get him on board," said Hedberg.

Prior to his tenure at UIU, Rudolph was a graduate assistant at the University of South Dakota, where he earned a master's degree in physical education and recreation in 1990.

He received a bachelor's degree in physical education from MSU and was a quarterback for the Beavers from 1984-1988. He is also a member of the Minot State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Rudolph is originally from Stanley. Rudolph and his wife, Renae, have three children—Zachary, McKenzie and Creighton.

## Semrau Named Vice President for Advancement



Semrau

Marv Semrau has been named the new vice president for advancement at Minot State University. A Minot native, he has been the sales manager for Lowe's Printing for 19 years.

Semrau was a co-chairman of the successful \$6 million capital campaign to build the Minot Family YMCA in southwest Minot. He is a steering committee member for the YMCA's new \$3 million capital campaign.

He is also involved in raising funds for the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame. Additional experience includes leadership roles in the \$500,000 capital campaigns of First Lutheran Church and Triangle Y Camp.

"Mr. Semrau brings with him an impressive background in community service, philanthropy and a genuine commitment to the people in our community and to Minot State University," said MSU President David Fuller. "Marv works so well with people and will be able to bring those abilities to MSU and to strengthen our relationships with our community members, alumni and friends of the university."

Fuller said he is confident of Semrau's ability to serve as the senior leader for advancement and that he was impressed by the new vice president's understanding of the critical role the university plays in Minot and in the region.

"The Minot community is proud of its university, and I'm pleased to have this wonderful opportunity to build on that

pride and strong tradition of support," Semrau said. "I look forward to working with President Fuller, faculty, staff and friends of Minot State University to achieve the university's new vision and strategic direction."

Currently, Semrau is chairman of the Minot Planning Commission and is a previous chairman of the Minot Area Development Corporation. He is a board member of the Minot Family YMCA and the Minot Public Schools Foundation.

Other community involvement includes being a member and past president of the Minot Kiwanis Club, the Minot Y's Men's Club and the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo.

Prior to joining Lowe's Printing in 1988, he worked for Young America retail stores for 20 years. Semrau earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from North Dakota State University.

Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs, chaired the search. He was assisted by an advisory committee comprised of members of the MSU Foundation, Regents and Alumni Boards and representatives from the Student, Faculty and Staff Senates, Advancement Office, athletics and administration.

## Nancy Mickelson



Mickelson

Nancy Mickelson was hired as student development counselor at MSU in December. She worked previously for Bottineau County Social Services for eight years and N.D. Vocational

Rehabilitation for six years before coming to Minot State University.

She graduated from NDSU with a bachelor's degree in child development and family science. She completed a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling through Utah State University.

## Ann Rivera



Rivera

Ann Rivera began as student activities coordinator in January. She graduated from Minot State University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in social science. She most recently worked at the First

District Health Unit as a tobacco prevention school coordinator. She worked with young people across the state, training them to become peer educators.

## Paul Brekke



Brekke

Paul Brekke started as Minot State's new Fitness Center coordinator in January. He graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., with a degree in health, fitness and nutrition.

He has worked in the fitness industry for 11 years. He owned and managed a local fitness center for the past seven years.

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Minot State has recently signed an exchange agreement with Kadir Has University in Istanbul, Turkey. The school, which has an enrollment of 4,000, specializes in business and engineering.

Claerbout also plans to visit Kristianstad University in Sweden, Telemark University in Norway and the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago to establish exchange agreements.

MSU is sponsoring a study tour to China in May. The 14-day trip is open to students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. The tour group will visit Beijing, Xian, Zhengzhou and Shanghai. MSU's Bin Wang, Yueh-Ting Lee, Margaret Sherve and Walker will accompany the group.

"We have a lot of internationally focused projects that we're working on right now," Claerbout said.

A Minot native, Claerbout earned a French degree from the University of Northern Colorado and a master's in international communication focused on cross-cultural programs from American University in Washington, D.C. As a student, she participated in three study-abroad programs to France.

Clearly, globalization has come to Minot State, and the Multicultural Center is where it can be found.

## Wallin Enjoyed Dual Career at Minot State



Wallin

Julianne Wallin had two careers at Minot State.

She taught music in the first half, while humanities dominated the latter half.

Wallin and her husband Ralph joined the Music Division in 1951. He taught organ, piano and music theory, while she taught piano and voice. Because of a Depression-era state law forbidding married couples from having full-time jobs at the same place, she

had to teach as an adjunct.

“The salary was about a third of the regular salary,” the Pelican Rapids, Minn., native recalled.

An accomplished singer, Wallin performed regularly in faculty recitals, regional productions and Minot’s annual presentation of Handel’s “Messiah.” She also hit the road to recruit students to the division.

“John Strohm, Ralph and I had a little trio,” she said. “We’d go out to small towns and do recitals.”

With two pianos in tow, the group performed solos, duets and dual-piano pieces.

Wallin was good enough to place at a Metropolitan Opera regional competition in the late 1950s.

When MSU voice instructor Wayne Nelson established an opera company in the Magic City in the mid-1970s, Wallin added her soprano voice to the ensemble. When Nelson retired in 1984, she became the group’s general director.

“That was the most exciting 10 years of my career,” she said, adding that the workload was extremely demanding.

She tried to perform in the chorus of Johann Strauss Jr.’s “Die Fledermaus” her first year as director, but it became too much.

“At my first show, there were so many little things to do backstage that I missed an entrance. I thought, ‘That’s it. I can’t do both jobs.’ I quit performing and stuck to production,” she said.

In 1967, Wallin began her second career at Minot State. Full-time instructors were needed to teach humanities, so she made the switch. She was well-qualified with degrees in English and music and a year spent living in Europe. She joined Floyd Fairweather and Harold Aleshire in teaching the three-course humanities sequence.

“That was one of the best moves of my life,” she said. “It was a whole new world. I just loved it.”

For almost three decades, Wallin introduced MSU students to the splendors of the arts.

“I can barely go to a store without running into an old student. It’s really fun,” she said.

Wallin retired from teaching in 1995. Her husband passed away in 1979.

In retirement, Wallin has been active with the Council for International Visitors, Minot Area Council on the Arts and the International Artists Series. She also gardens, something spring opera productions ruled out in the past.

“I’ve been having a ball. I love retirement,” she said.

Wallin also meets monthly with former MSU faculty and staff.

“People I didn’t know on campus I’m finding out are great fun, witty and clever,” she said.

## Former Business Professor Still Gives of Herself



Johnson

Adelaide Johnson’s volunteer spirit hasn’t diminished in retirement.

Johnson taught in the MSU College of Business from 1962-78. She taught typing, accounting, computer programming, data processing and teaching methods.

Not busy enough, she also advised Pi Omega Pi, an honor society for business students, and the Lutheran Student Association. She was also active in the Delta

Kappa Gamma Society, an international organization of women educators.

Since retirement, Johnson has donated her time and talents to the American Red Cross, Girl Scouts Foundation and the Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

“We advise people who are going into business,” the Ray native said of the last organization.

Johnson, a 1947 Minot State graduate, serves on the university’s Board of Regents. The school awarded her its Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award in 1999. The MSU Alumni Association presented her with its Golden Award in 2005. The College of Business awards a scholarship in her name to an outstanding member of Pi Omega Pi each year.

Johnson also finds time to volunteer at First Lutheran Church.

“Who lives in Minot and isn’t involved in the Hostfest?” she said. “I was very involved with our church booth and ticket sales for many years.”

Johnson also likes to travel. Before she started at Minot State, she taught high school for 14 years, two of them in military schools in Berlin, Germany, at the time the Berlin Wall was erected.

“I traveled all over Europe when I was there,” she said. “I also went to the Middle East and Russia.”

Her teaching duties and work on an advanced degree consumed her time, so she didn’t travel overseas again until she retired.

“I went back to the Scandinavian countries several times,” she said. “I tried to cover places I hadn’t been, like Ireland and Australia. I’ve taken three cruises. A leisurely cruise might be in my future but not too much other traveling.”

Although she never married, Johnson has a large family to keep track of.

“I have a lot of nieces and nephews,” she said. “Several have gone into education. Many are graduates of MSU.”

Johnson and Doris Slaaten, another retired College of Business professor, oversee a retired MSU faculty and staff group. It meets on the third Thursday of each month.

## MSU Education Launched General's Career



Haugen

Mike Haugen's retirement as adjutant general of the N.D. Air and Army National Guard last summer capped a 40-year career in the U.S. military.

As adjutant general, the Minot State graduate commanded 4,000 soldiers and airmen. He also directed the N.D. Department of Emergency Services, a division of which is Homeland Security.

Haugen said his Minot State career expanded his intellectual universe. As a social science major, he studied geography, history and weather. His minors included speech and psychology.

"It was a good foundation; everything I had was used," he said.

While in college, Haugen taught at Pietsch Flying Service. One of his pupils was Larry Eide, long-time vice president for finance at MSU. The two have maintained a close relationship ever since.

Haugen, a Valley City native, enlisted in the N.D. Air National Guard in 1967 and received his commission in 1970. He completed pilot training in 1972. In addition to his military duties, he flew with Frontier Airlines for 10 years.

The military provided Haugen with additional educational opportunities, including a yearlong State Department senior seminar in 1996. Of the 32 students in the elite class, eight went on to become U. S. ambassadors.

"I wasn't intimidated by anybody there, even though they went to Brown, George Washington and Harvard," he said.

Haugen has had a long affiliation with the 119th Fighter Wing, popularly known as the "Happy Hooligans." Formed in 1947, the unit began flying F-16 fighter jets in 1990. After 1999, it maintained a two-plane detachment at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

The alert unit found itself at the epicenter of history on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists attacked New York and Washington, D.C.

"They were initially scrambled toward New York," Haugen said. "In a minute and a half, they were directed to go over Washington. They were en route to Washington when the Pentagon was hit."

In 2005, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission approved a Pentagon plan to alter the Hooligans' mission. The unit's F-16s, scheduled for retirement in 2007, are being replaced by C-21 transport planes and Predator unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). In October, the unit handed over its Langley alert mission to a Vermont Air National Guard unit.

The C-21 has been in the Air Force inventory since the mid-1980s, while the Predator appeared in the last decade. The former general is optimistic about the mission change.

"The Guard has been getting the hand-me-downs," Haugen said. "This is the first time in my career where we've got something brand new."

The U.S. military currently employs Predator UAVs in Iraq and Afghanistan. The aircraft is used for surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

"The combatant commanders on the ground—Abizaid and Casey—were looking for more Predators," Haugen said. "The appetite for Predator information is higher than we can supply right now. It's a very high-demand mission."

Gen. John Abizaid was the top U.S. commander in the Middle East. Gen. George Casey commanded the U.S.-led Multinational Force in Iraq.

Haugen, who lives in Fargo, is a member of the MSU Board of Regents. He and his wife Janice have two grown children.

In retirement, Haugen plans to do some farming and reflect on his wide-ranging military career.

## Wide-ranging Opportunities Inspired a Career in Music

An early performance opportunity launched one Minot State alumna toward a successful career in music education.

While in high school, Paula (Andrist) Holmberg was invited to perform in a community production of Handel's "Messiah" in her native Crosby. She played flute in the orchestra as a sophomore and sang in the chorus her last two years.

"I remember feeling so important, performing such great repertoire with an orchestra," she said.

Holmberg is currently director of choral activities at Minnetonka High School in Minnesota. She was the state's Music Educator of the Year in 1999 and Choral Director of the Year in 2005.

Holmberg attended Minot State because she was impressed with its performing arts program and because an older sister studied there.

She sang in the Concert Choir under John Strohm and Joe Hegstad. She played flute in the Wind Ensemble and keyboard percussion in the Concert Band. She sang the role of Susana in "The Marriage of Figaro" under director Wayne Nelson, her voice teacher.

"I got to do a lot," she said. "Because the program was relatively small, I benefited from many varied performing experiences."

Professors at MSU shared their passion for music-making with her, especially Mark Dimond, her piano teacher.

"Piano was not my specialty, but Professor Dimond made me feel so capable," she said. "I flourished mostly because he believed in my potential. His fine teaching of expressive technique unlocked a greater thirst for expressive power in all my music-making. This remains the cornerstone of my teaching and performing to this day."

Holmberg fondly recalls a European tour the Concert Choir made under Hegstad. The group spent a week in St. Moritz, Switzerland, preparing Bach's C Minor Mass, which it performed in Basel under famed conductor Sir Neville Mariner.

"I thought it was cool at the time, but now I recognize just how rich an experience that was," she said.

As a music education major, Holmberg took methods classes with Sandra Starr, current chair of the Music Division.

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"I supervise student teachers from various Minnesota institutions, and I witness many levels of preparedness," she said. "As I reflect on my own music education, I continue to be grateful for the effective and thorough preparation I got with Sandy."

After graduating in 1978, Holmberg taught a year in North Dakota and the next 24 years in Minnesota. She has been at Minnetonka High School for the last 13 years. She holds a master's degree in choral conducting from the University of Minnesota.

She remains an ardent supporter of the arts in general and music in particular.

"So much of our culture promotes self-interest, self-importance and isolation," she said. "Music education, by contrast, promotes collaboration, connection and sharing. Music teaches you about yourself. It teaches you about other people and how we can be human together."

Holmberg said the best part of teaching is the students.

"High school musicians can achieve at such a high level, and they are so willing to share of themselves," she said.

Holmberg and her husband Andrew have two children. Andrew, 17, and Kaatrin, 14, both sing in choirs at Minnetonka High School.

## Minot State Grad Promotes Meaningful Change



Olson

Throughout her career in politics and government, Minot State alumna Carol Olson has been a ceaseless advocate of change.

Olson is executive director of the N.D. Department of Human Services, a post she has held for nine years. She is the first woman to head the state's largest agency.

Human Services, which serves vulnerable North Dakotans, has over 2,000 employees across the state and a biennial budget of \$1.68 billion, almost one-third of the state's overall budget. The agency serves about one in five state residents.

Olson describes her job as demanding and challenging.

"This department is very complex," she said. "I'm always learning and being exposed to new experiences. I believe that if there's a problem, there's a solution."

Olson believes her Norwegian-Lutheran upbringing fostered her strong work ethic, driving curiosity and brash optimism.

A formative event occurred when she was growing up in Cavalier. At that time, the Girls Athletic Association was the only avenue for sports programming for girls. The 15-year-old Olson and several friends worked actively with high school officials to ensure that weekly "Association meetings" were planned so that the girls could play basketball and volleyball.

"I wanted to see how one could influence the system," she said of the episode.

Buoyed by that experience, Olson confronted the larger world by enrolling at Minot State in the mid-1970s. University life had a decisive effect on her.

"I was very young when I started college; I was 17," she said. "I had to grow up a little bit, but that's part of what makes you who you are today. The education I received at Minot State taught me to think and analyze situations, which has served me well."

Olson graduated in 1978 with a criminal justice degree and a renewed desire to improve the world.

Politics provided her that initial opportunity. She first worked on Republican Mark Andrews' U.S. Senate campaign in 1986. Her sure-footedness quickly caught the eyes of veteran politicians.

"I came to the campaign with the title of volunteer coordinator," she said. "As the campaign moved forward, it was changed to organization director. I took on a lot more responsibility."

After that, the circle of opportunity kept widening. Olson served as finance director for Republican Earl Strinden's 1988 U.S. Senate campaign and campaign manager for Ed Schafer's gubernatorial run in 1992. When Schafer won election, he tapped Olson as his chief of staff, the first woman to hold the post.

In less than two months, the fledgling administration formulated a budget, assembled a cabinet and prepared for a legislative session.

"It's very intense and very chaotic. You just kind of hang on," she said.

After five years in the ferment of the governor's office, Olson was asked to lead Human Services in 1997. She still serves as that agency's executive director, taking only a brief sabbatical in 2000 to run John Hoeven's gubernatorial campaign.

Olson maintains an open-door policy, believing that good ideas flow up as well as down the bureaucracy. True to her nature, she hopes never to become hidebound in her outlook.

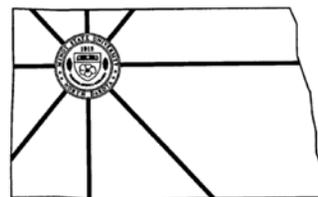
"If I see something that I think could be better, I want to be part of that change," she said.

Of all her accomplishments, Olson said she is proudest of her two grown daughters.

## Nominations Sought



Alumni Association



Minot State University Alumni Association continues to accept nominations for consideration for the Golden Award. Deadline for nominations is May 9.

Selection for the award is based on one or more specified criteria. The Golden Awards committee reviews the nominations and selects names to be submitted to the Alumni Board of Directors for final approval.

Anyone interested in nominating someone should utilize the official nomination form. This can be found on the Web site at [www.minotstateu.edu](http://www.minotstateu.edu) or contact the Alumni Office (701-858-3234). The next recognition event may be held Sept. 27, 2007, in the MSU Student Conference Center.

# MSU Athlete Earns National Championship

**A** Minot State student-athlete capped off a brilliant cross-country career by winning a national championship last fall.

Genevieve Binsfeld beat 267 top runners at the NAIA National Cross Country Championships in Louisville, Ky., in November.

The Watson, Saskatchewan, native earned her fourth All-America honor in the process.

"It felt really, really good," Binsfeld said, recalling the event for *Connections*. "My parents were there, so that meant a lot to me."

Binsfeld has been closing in on the national title throughout her college career. She finished 11th as a freshman in 2003, seventh in 2004 and second last year.

The senior carefully choreographed the 5,000-meter race with Head Coach Stu Melby. She planned to run near the front of the pack early and spurt at the end.

Binsfeld was third at the 800-meter mark and second after 2,400 meters. By the 3,200-meter mark, she was in the lead by 15 meters.

With 850 meters to go, she picked up the pace, worried about a strong California runner behind her.

"I thought that she was on my tail," she said. "I consciously kicked; I gave it all I had."

She sailed to the finish with a time of 17:38, nine seconds ahead of her West Coast rival.

Her coach was thrilled with her winning strategy.

"Last year, she lost by four seconds; she was outsprinted at the end," Melby said. "With a half mile to go (this year), she only had a three-second lead. She knew she had to pour it on. She added another six seconds. She really wanted it this year, especially being a senior."

A national championship seemed remote last spring and summer as Binsfeld struggled with tendonitis of the Achilles and plantar fasciitis, a painful inflammation in the heel.

"Taking your first step in the morning is like stepping on nails. To run on that is really painful," Binsfeld said of the heel injury.

She thought about redshirting her senior year, but Melby dissuaded her. He prescribed running in a swimming pool to reduce the discomfort. The regimen maintained her conditioning, and the injuries gradually healed.

The Roy Griak Invitational in October provided dramatic evidence that Binsfeld had returned to top form. She trailed the frontrunner by 20 meters throughout the race but gained on her near the end.

"Two meters away from the finish line, I passed her. I beat her by milliseconds. I had a kick; I don't know where it came from," she said.

Last year, Binsfeld finished second at Griak and second at nationals. Her first-place finish this year energized her for the last trip to nationals.

"I was stuck in one pace last year. This year, I felt like I had a different gear," she said.

Binsfeld's win at nationals topped the mark of former MSU runner Brad Tighe, whose best finish at nationals was second. Of 28 Minot State women who have run at nationals, Binsfeld has the four best finishes.

Ironically for a national champion, Binsfeld got a late start in distance running. A high school principal encouraged her to run in 9th grade. She dutifully complied but admits she hated it. Schoolwork and chores on the family farm left her with little time or energy for training.

But through a combination of natural talent and naïve determination, she excelled at cross country and track in high school.



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She didn't plan to attend college, but then MSU Coach Scott Simmons offered her a scholarship. She came to Minot State and soon blossomed as an athlete.

"I started doing interval workouts and running nine miles a day, which is three times more than I did in high school. I needed a coach to push me and tell me I could do it. It all helped a lot," she said.

In addition to cross country, Binsfeld also ran indoor and outdoor track, specializing in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter events.

Binsfeld was no stranger to adversity early in her college career. A stress fracture of the shin kept her idle for three months her first year. Illness slowed her sophomore year. But the setbacks contributed to the mental toughness that characterized her final two years.

As part of a magical senior year, Binsfeld was crowned Homecoming Queen during festivities in September.

Binsfeld will graduate this May with a degree in criminal justice. She hopes to become a conservation officer and perhaps a volunteer track coach.

Whatever she does, she'll succeed at it with a quiet and disarming ease. That's what national champions do.

## MSU Alumnus Donates Scorers' Tables

Greg Johnson ('79), owner of Premier Pulses International of Minot, donated three new scorers' tables for the MSU Dome. The tables offer state-of-the-art scrolling technology with rotating panels for advertisements, as seen in NBA and major college arenas. Each scorer's table is 10 feet long and can offer up to 16 advertising panels. "The scorers' tables have added a great deal to the events at the Dome. The advertising that has been sold on the tables has provided much-needed revenue for the facility. We really appreciate Greg's support," said MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg.



# 2007 Baseball Reunion

Minot State University will be hosting a Baseball Reunion in conjunction with Homecoming 2007. This is the 50th anniversary of Beaver baseball at Minot State University.

Homecoming is scheduled for Sept. 21-23. The successes of many baseball individuals and teams are a very big part of MSU's athletic tradition, and the planning committee is very excited to invite these individuals and teams back on campus.

The all-baseball reunion schedule for the Homecoming weekend will be:

### Friday, September 21

- 12 p.m. Beaver Booster luncheon at the Grand International
- 2 p.m. Campus tour
- 3:30 p.m. Tour of Corbett Field
- 6:30 p.m. Baseball Reunion Social at the Holiday Inn

### Saturday, September 22

- 10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade  
(Former players are invited to ride in the parade.)
- 11:30 a.m. Pre-game tailgating—East end of MSU Dome
- 1:30 p.m. Homecoming football game
- 2:30 p.m. Introduction of all-baseball reunion participants at halftime
- 6 p.m. Hall of Fame Banquet Social at the Holiday Inn
- 7 p.m. Hall of Fame Banquet at the Holiday Inn

### Sunday, September 23

- 1:00 p.m. 1st-annual alumni baseball game

For additional information on the baseball reunion, contact the Athletic Office at 701-858-3041 or check out the Web site at [www.msubeavers.com](http://www.msubeavers.com).



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## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

### MSU & SIAS International University

To promote international education and to increase enrollment, MSU has been working with SIAS International University since 2005. In October 2005, President Shawn Chen was invited to visit MSU to talk about mutual interests in developing a partnership between the two universities. In February 2006, President David Fuller, Dr. Y. T. Lee, and community leaders were invited to visit SIAS International University, where the two universities signed a partnership agreement. The institutions agreed to develop educational and academic exchanges between faculty, students, programs, and projects.

In fall 2006, MSU invited Professor Mike (Guang-Sheng) Li, an English faculty member from SIAS, as a visiting scholar for one semester. Li audited English courses in the Division of Humanities and was invited to give several lectures to students in various classes. He also attended local and regional conferences and events in North Dakota. He appreciated the help and support of our administrators, staff and faculty for helping and promises to promote MSU for us on his campus.

### Student Learning, Success, and Achievements

- Two MSU Honors students, Darron Fry (math education) and Christen Friddle (theatre arts) attended the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Philadelphia in November.

- MSU music majors performed for over 350 student participants in the Music Division's Northwest International Festival of Music in November.
- The Northwest Art Center and the art faculty and students hosted Roseanne Olson, Seattle-based fine art and commercial photographer, as artist-in-residence in October. Olson's photography was also on display in the Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- Theater students have submitted 13 scripts to the 10-minute play contest with results to be announced in the spring.
- Michaela Schwan, a research student of Dr. Mikhail Bobylev, won an award for her presentation at the second-Annual Northwest Regional Undergraduate Affiliate Network Meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (MASBMB) held in October in Moorhead, Minn. She will be attending the national meeting of MASBMB in Washington, D.C.
- MSU students attended the International Peace Garden Conference in October with students and faculty from Brandon University.
- The Rural Methamphetamine Education Project presented to over 29,000 individuals in 2006.
- The MSU Writing Center employs seven tutors who have worked over 300 hours helping more than 250 students with their writing.

- Honored as the "Faculty of the Semester" for fall 2006 in the College of Arts & Sciences were Professors Walter Piehl, Allen Kihm, Shyamal Das, and Jon Rumney.

### External Resources and Partnerships

- The College of Arts & Sciences and the Multicultural Office facilitated the signing of a partnership agreement between Minot State University and Fort Berthold Community College in December.
- In November, Dr. Gary Rabe, Dr. Y. T. Lee and several other colleagues visited China, including the American Embassy in Beijing, Capital Normal University, and SIAS International University to recruit more students and promote international education.



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## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### When Students Come Calling...

This March and April, when your phone rings and you hear the voice of an MSU business student, please spend a few moments connecting with her or him. This spring, College of Business students are volunteering to call alumni in their major areas to tell about programs and events that interest them and, of course, to ask for your support.

Your help is very important; there are a number of ways you can influence the lives of our students and future business leaders.

For example, your generosity will make it possible to

- Attract new, high-potential students through scholarships for high school performance.
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- Develop students professionally, as well as academically by offering unique "value-added" programs beyond the academic curriculum.
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On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of the College of Business, thank you in advance for your support.

—JOANN LINRUD,  
Dean

## Annual Giving



Bernsdorf

Spring is in the air and so are department phonathons! Each year, a number of departments set aside a couple of nights to reconnect with their alumni by phone. Every department that is involved picks an initiative that they want to raise money for, and then volunteers call from 6-9 p.m. each night. The volunteers are department faculty and staff and/or students who are involved in the program. Many raise money for a certain scholarship within their department. In the past year, we have established two new endowed scholarships for the Math and Computer Science Department and for the Communication Disorders Department.

Others chose to raise money for different projects for their divisions.

The departments/clubs that participated in phonathons last fall were the Division of Music, Communication Disorders Department, Biology Club and MSU baseball team. They succeeded in raising many donations and hearing some great stories from the past.

This spring, departments/clubs participating will be the Math and Computer Science Department, Psychology Department, Business Information Technology Department, Student Social Work Organization, Criminal Justice Department and Accounting and Finance Department. They will run throughout March and April. A letter from each department will be sent a couple of weeks before each phonathon for the opportunity to send a gift.

We look forward to reconnecting with each and every alumnus and hope that you will take the time to hear all of the latest happenings on campus and in each department. Thanks to each and every one of you who has supported Minot State University in the past and will continue to support MSU in the future. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to give me a call at 701-858-3373 or e-mail me at tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu. Have a wonderful spring and summer season!

—TAWNIA BERNSDORF  
Director of Alumni/Annual Giving

## ARTIFACTS NEEDED

Minot State would like to furnish its new Multicultural Center with international artifacts to enhance its ambience. If you have an item you would like to donate, please send it to the Multicultural Center in care of Director Wylie Hammond.



## IN MEMORIAM

*It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately October 15, 2006 to February 15, 2007.*

- (’28/’64) Jevne (Armstrong), Louise P.; Fargo/Lansford; January 2007; age 97
- (’29) Skaar (Larson), Selma; Stanley/Parshall; February 2007; age 100
- (’30/’32) Chapman (Peterman), Dr. Hazel M.; Portland, Ore.; December 2006; age 92
- (’32) Faucett (Rothgarn), Viola; Scandia, Minn.; September 2006; age 97
- (’33/’51) Erfert (Britten), June L.; Minot; December 2006; age 94
- (’33) Neuner (Helgerson) (Dokken), Alvina; Sun City, Ariz.; January 2007; age 94
- (’35) Simonson (Allenson), Marian; Yreka, Ore.; November 2006; age 91
- (’36) Kohlmann (Smestad), Gladys S.; Minot; November 2006; age 95
- (’37/’39) Dietz (Halvorson), Esther; Dickinson; October 2006; age 88
- (’37) Douts (Blomquist), Verna C.; Powers Lake; October 2006; age 87
- (’40) Hall (Doetzel), Lorraine R.; Bismarck; January 2007; age 87
- (’40/’78) Nesheim, I. Tonette; New Town; October 2006; age 89
- (’41) Larsen (Shattuck), Lois V.; Glasgow, Mont./Velva; November 2006; age 90
- (’41) White, Lucy; Kalispell, Mont./Eugene, Ore.; December 2006; age 86
- (’42) Kephart (Erickson), Ruth E.; Stanley; October 2006; age 88
- (’42) Weltzin (Rolfstrud), Hanna; Watford City; November 2006; age 91
- (’43) Okerson (Bastian), Martha L.; Minot/Coleharbor; January 2007; age 85
- (’44) Hedberg (Edwardson), Doris E.; Parshall; October 2006; age 80
- (’45) Kabanuk (Olson), Doris; Minot; November 2006; age 84
- (’50) Drangsholt (Depute), Dolores E.; Antler; January 2007; age 80
- (’50) Tofteland, Donald M.; West Fargo; November 2006; age 82
- (’51) Hoepfer, Laurence E.; Kalispell, Mont.; August 2006; age 82
- (’52) Christianson, Lester E.; Devils Lake; November 2006; age 79
- (’52) Curtis, Leonard E.; Kent, Wash.; November 2006; age 79
- (’54) Stevens (Boyko) (Anderson), Katherine B.; Coeur
- D Alene, Idaho; November 2006; age 91
- (’55) Kringen, Herbert; Fargo/Turtle Lake; December 2006; age 78
- (’57) Schauer, Theodore J.; Lake Park, Minn.; October 2006; age 75
- (’58) Rowe, Robert “Bob”; McMinnville, Ore.; October 2006; age 77
- (’59) Fox (Michaels), Ann; Velva; January 2007; age 59
- (’59) Jensen, Jack W.; Minot; January 2007; age 74
- (’60) Kline (Harrum), Joy J.; Casper, Wyo./Mercer; July 2006; age 93
- (’60) Severance (Erickson), Jeanette; New Town; November 2006; age 67
- (’62) Vogel (Kluck), Myrna M.; Fridley, Minn.; January 2007; age 66
- (’65) Loucks (Bintz), Emline B.; Noonan; December 2006; age 88
- (’66) Hagen (Zahursky), Joyce E.; Mountlake Terrace, Wash.; December 2006; age 62
- (’66) Hornbacher (Schell), Esther; Fargo; January 2007; age 81
- (’66) Johnson, Todd M.; West Tawakoni, Texas/Hazen; December 2006; age 63
- (’66) Silvernagel, Richard L.; Bismarck; November 2006; age 63
- (’68) Samuelson, Melford “Mel”; Coleharbor; February 2006; age 67
- (’68) Waldron (Huber), Cheryl E.; Santa Clarita, Calif.; October 2006; age 60
- (’70) Everson, Marian H.; Minot/Willow City; December 2006; age 75
- (’71) Stutts (Heil), Linda D.; Buchanan; August 2006; age 59
- (’75) Sletten, Stephen E. “Stess”; Souris; October 2006; age 55
- (’77) Bubach (Westmeyer), Lenore; Elkton, S.D.; December 2006; age 53
- (’77) Parrill, Clark C.; Roseau, Minn.; October 2006; age 54
- (’80) Czech, Alta H.; Jamestown/Chaseley; November 2006; age 89
- (’81) Volk (Holme), Amanda Marie; Minot; November 2006; age 67
- (’81/’92) Brooks (Wood) (Godard), Margaret A.; Minot; January 2007; age 65
- (’82) Bubach, John E.; Elkton, S.D.; December 2006; age 48
- (’82) Halseth, Terry A.; Minot; November 2006; age 64
- (’89) Silk, James R.; Fort Yates; January 2007; age 63
- (’90) Chu, Evangeline C.; Sherwood, Ore.; December 2006; age 66
- (’00) Hart, Mary Anne; Mandan; November 2006; age 41

### ATTENDED

- Aanrud (Nordine), Selma S.; Velva; November 2006; age 96
- Backen (Snydal), Arlene; Williston; November 2006; age 85
- Bernsdorf, Steve K.; Minot; October 2006; age 53
- Binkley, Theodore R.; Parshall; December 2006; age 90
- Blanchfield (Dokken), Hjordis E.; Devils Lake; October 2006; age 79
- Britsch (Ritterman), Anne Marie; Devils Lake; December 2006; age 70
- Bushaw (Williams), Catherine I.; Manvel; November 2006; age 90
- Charlebois, Ann; Mandan; October 2006; age 28
- Christopherson (Larson), Carmen; Bisbee; September 2006; age 82
- Gilbertson, Cora E.; Woodland, Calif.; December 2006; age 94
- Gjellstad (Lee), Marlys; Velva; August 2006; age 84
- Goodiron, Nathan; Mandaree; November 2006; age 25
- Grabner (Poitra), Yvonne Ann; Rolette; September 2006; age 57
- Haugen (Berg), Constance A.; Devils Lake; January 2007; age 63
- Hepper, Russell; Garrison/Underwood; January 2007; age 87
- Holland (Gerlinger), Daphlyn; Olathe, Kansas/Minot; December 2006; age 84
- Johnson, Lyle Jerome; Makoti/Sarasota, Fla.; October 2006; age 73
- Johnson (Brekhus), Thelma B.; Kenmare; December 2006; age 97
- Krieg (Stading), Corenne; Dickinson; November 2006; age 77
- Logan, Lester W.; Mandan; January 2007; age 70
- Lund (Hovland), Mary Sue; Mesa, Ariz.; September 2006; age 57
- Mittleider, Dennis D.; Bismarck; July 2006; age 52
- Moen (Jones), Ruth A.; Salem, Ore.; November 2006; age 92
- Oster (Endres), LaVerne; Williston; October 2006; age 86
- Paulson, Terrance L.; Minot/Stanley; November 2006; age 52
- Romine, Robert R.; Minot; November 2006; age 74
- Scheet (Burgard), Irene M.; Rugby; October 2006; age 77
- Schulz (Kitzman), Laurine K.; Minot/Willow City/Upham; November 2006; age 82
- Shafer (Johnson), Finna; Devils Lake; December 2006; age 100

Shannon (Harm),  
Sandi; Mandan;  
October 2006;  
age 55  
Smith, Richard E.;  
Makoti; December  
2006; age 71  
Sparks (Kays), Betty  
Jean; Calvin; Octo-  
ber 2006; age 74  
Strom (Knudson),  
Ruth V.; Minot;  
November 2006;  
age 88  
Taylor, Christopher  
P.; Minot; October  
2006; age 34  
Vihstadt, Mildred A.;  
Seattle, Wash.;  
October 2006;  
age 94  
Watkins (Thompson),  
Bobbie C.; Sayre,  
Okla.; October  
2006; age 59  
Webener, Charles A.;  
McCook, Neb.;

January 2007;  
age 89  
Zimmer (Haugstad),  
Mildred E.; Minot/  
Kenmare; Novem-  
ber 2006; age 90

**FRIENDS**

Chumas, George;  
Minot; November  
2006; age 75  
Jenson, May; Minot;  
January 2007;  
age 94  
Lehner, Ethel L.;  
Minot; December  
2006; age 80  
Pausig, Kenneth C.;  
Kenmare/Minot;  
January 2007;  
age 78  
Holtz, Larry Ml;  
Minot; January  
2007; age 73  
Luhr, Clarence;  
Minot; January  
2007; age 87

**FORMER  
FACULTY/STAFF**

Anderson, Lyle P.;  
Minot; January  
2007; age 79;  
worked in mainte-  
nance department  
Harth, Russell;  
Vancouver, Wash.;  
January 2007;  
1980-1990;  
Campus School  
counselor and  
psychology  
instructor  
Sando, Ilze; Minot;  
November 2006;  
age 63; Bookstore  
staff, wife of former  
COB dean, Bob  
Sando  
Schimke (Schnabel),  
Furbie Ruth;  
Bismarck; Novem-  
ber 2006; age 87;  
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Ray .....	July 25
Kenmare .....	August 2

# Greetings From the New Vice President

It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity to introduce myself as the new vice president for advancement at Minot State University. As a native of Minot who has deep roots in this area, I am keenly aware of the significant impact the university has had and will have in the future.

The Minot community is proud of its university, and I am pleased to have this wonderful opportunity to help build on that pride and strong tradition of support.

One question posed to me at the public forum at the university during the interview process was, "Given that North Dakota is ranked dead last in philanthropic giving, how are you going to be successful in advancing the university?"

My response to that question was that, while I didn't doubt the statistic as it had been reported, my experience has proven otherwise. Through my involvement in a handful of significant successful capital campaigns in the Minot area, I did not discover a dearth of philanthropic giving but instead found just the opposite to be true.

The people of this area are very common-sense people, who, when provided solid information, recognize a need and are happy to support worthwhile causes.



I believe that willingness to provide support exists not only within people in the Minot area, but also for those far beyond who have experienced the culture of Minot State University.

Through the university's 94-year history, the lives of thousands upon thousands of students and their family members have been enhanced because of the education they received. As the third-largest higher education campus in North Dakota, the university's 60-plus undergraduate degrees and 11 graduate-degree programs provide the

pathways to success for our students.

With the goals of Vision 2013 determined and the plan to achieve those goals identified, Minot State University is poised for greater service. The university is on the threshold of marking a second century of significant success.

I look forward to working with President David Fuller, the faculty, staff, friends and supporters of Minot State University to achieve the university's new vision and strategic direction.

— MARV SEMRAU  
Vice President for Advancement

## Being Seen, Being Heard

Minot State University's slogan, "Be seen, Be heard," is not only an attention-getter, but it also serves as a directive to our future and current students. I wish to take it further as a challenge to our MSU Alumni Association and alumni.

Our purpose as the Alumni Association is to "foster, promote, aid and assist in continued improvement and maintenance of high educational standards of Minot State University; to receive funds and properties through gifts, devices, bequests, grants, and other lawful means; to sponsor and provide academic scholarships and grants; and to generally promote and do such things as are deemed advisable for the continued well-being and good of Minot State University, its students, alumni, faculty, curriculum, special activities, functions, research and programs."

Anyone who has earned credit from Minot State University at anytime is a member of the Minot State University Alumni Association.

### *We Will Be Seen*

We received the first-place plaque in our most recent Homecoming parade. We will be seen. We hosted a Greek Reunion at 2006 Homecoming weekend with another event set for 2007 on Sept. 21. You saw us at the NDEA convention in Bismarck. You saw us hosting hospitality rooms for events held in Minot, specifically at the N.D. Accountants Convention,



N.D. Association of Elementary School Principals, N.D. Science Teachers Association, and Independent Community Banks of N.D. Hopefully, you saw us in January at the Dome for Alumni Night.

We continue to be seen by reaching out to alumni, hosting events in Denver, Minneapolis, Portland, Chandler, and Sun City West.

### *We Will Be Heard*

You heard us in September acknowledging outstanding alumni at the Golden Awards banquet. The four individuals selected as recipients included Brent Askvig, John Kincheloe, Tom Myhra, and Curt Zimbleman. We can be heard discussing the many scholarship applications and awarding as many as 50 scholarships on an annual basis. We can be heard approving special requests from the Native American Center, ICC (Intellectual Climate Committee), Organ Renovation campaign, MSU at the Zoo, and student orientation events.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the GALA, set for Oct. 5. This event has raised over \$500,000 for the scholarship endowment and alumni activities. Interest earned from the endowment is used 100 percent for scholarships.

Thanks for all your support. Please come and join us at all of these events.

Be seen. Be heard.— It can be a lot of fun.

— DARWIN LANGSETH  
Alumni Association President



*Students enjoy life in their new activity center, The Beaver Dam. On February 21, 2007 The Beaver Dam celebrated its grand opening. It was also President Fuller's birthday. Pictured left to right in the foreground are students Wade Regier, Shannon Wilson and Amy Fullmer. (Photo by Michael J.)*



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